

NCPAT Meeting – Minutes of May 25, 2024

Participating: Donovan Grant of NOVA, NCPAT Chair (Mecklenburg), Joe Marinello of NOVA, NCPAT Treasurer (Mecklenburg), Justin Ball and Don Taylor of NOVA (Mecklenburg), Lori Gerber of NCCFW&YI, Molly McCambridge of NCCADV, Tiffany Bell of SPARC and DVOM (Buncombe, Maddison, Yancey), Bea Cote of Impact+ and Step up to Family Safety (Mecklenburg, Union, Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln), Omar Aquino of U-Care (Sampson, Duplin), Missy Blackwell of Safelight (Henderson), Joyce Sellars of Genesis (Concord) Kenya of Cool Program (Forsythe)

I. Welcome and Introduction:

Donovan Grant, Chair welcomed everyone to the NCPAT meeting. Molly McCambridge introduced herself to the group as this was her first meeting.

NC Council for Women /DV Commission Update:

Lori Gerber stated that the DVOM is re-doing the administrative code, as well as adding and taking away things for statistics to be able to present to legislation. Lori also stated that the NCCFW&YI are only taking applications twice a year for new applicants to streamline the review of new applicants.

II. DVOM Update:

Tiffany shared that Project Restart has mostly completed reviewing the updates to the administrative code with a few tweaks to be made. Tiffany stated that the hope would be to present the updates to the legislature next year. Tiffany reported that the NCPAT subcommittee has also wrapped up the best practice updates as well and, the DVOM is discussing who needs to approve everything to move forward. Donovan stated that there is not a lot of DV Commission activity due it being an election year. Donovan stated that there were a couple of bills discussed by the DV Legislative Committee: H10 which will require law enforcement to check immigration status of anyone arrested for certain crimes including DV, and to honor any ICE detainer requests against these individuals. This means that defendants arrested for these crimes would be handed over to ICE before their cases could proceed at the local level. NCCADV has long opposed this type of bill because it increases fear of law enforcement within immigrant communities, making it less safe for immigrants to report crime, including domestic violence offenses. H.R. 7909 H.R. 7909 creates new bases to deport immigrants for domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, stalking, and sexual offenses without waivers for the new grounds. This legislation will harm immigrant survivors by increasing the likelihood that criminalized survivors will be swept into the expanded scope of the grounds of inadmissibility or deportability, and creating a chilling effect where victims may decline to seek assistance from law enforcement or services if they fear that it will result in a family member being barred from legal status. Donovan stated that he did not know if these proposed bills would have any impact on Spanish speaking client in DVIP's if they were to become law. Donovan stated that he would send information on these bills to NCPAT members. Donovan also discussed the presentation by Kathleen Newcombe on traumatic brain injury on DV survivors.

Treasurer Report:

Joe stated the balance is \$15, 496.51.

III. Goals for NCPAT:

Donavan reported that the 2024 conference is on Thursday September 26th and Friday September 27th with Family Peace initiative. Donavan stated that the structure will be two days with participants have the choice to attend one or both. Donavan prompted the meeting participants to provide input on pricing for the conference. Tiffany inquired about how many non-members attend the conferences Donavan responded that very few non-members attend and that most of the attendees are NCPAT members. Based on this information, Tiffany suggests that the price be lowered for non-members as NCPAT is not making/losing money on them anyway. Molly, Tiffany, and Bea suggested pricing at 75/day and 125 for 2 days for NCPAT & NCCADV members, 100/day and 200 for 2 days for nonmembers.

Donavan presented the results of the NCPAT survey. Results showed that meeting participants would be more likely to attend if there was some form of training or speaker at each meeting. The survey also revealed that meeting participants like the idea of a topic for discussion at meetings.

Bea inquired about DVOM and how NCPAT could support their work. Tiffany stated that the DVOM consists of members from NCCADV, NCCFWYI, NCPAT and other entities. Tiffany further stated that NCPAT has been part of the DVOM's work in focusing on making recommendations/updates regarding the state Code that covers DVIP requirements and regulations for the states in our group.

Joyce mentioned holding fundraising for NCPAT. Donavan stated that he liked the idea, but wanted to make sure that any fundraising that was done went back to the membership in some way. Donavan provided the example of a DVIP that are members of NCPAT needing laptops for their program, and NCPAT being able to fund the purchase. Joe suggested that we have a 30-minute training at each meeting and charge a nominal fee (\$10) to build the NCPAT fund, and then distribute raised funds to NPCAT members. Molly stated that members are already paying a fee and may be deterred from paying more for a training at every meeting. Molly reiterated a point that Bea made regarding what are members getting for their membership fee. Donavan reviewed the current NCPAT membership tier, and the suggestion was to table at a future meeting about raising the membership fee particularly if a training would be offered at every meeting. The membership fee has historically been low. kiddie

IV. Additional Business/Program Updates:

Tiffany provided more information about DVOM stating that as DVOM chair, she has been working with Lori Gerber on identifying new statistical data points we want to collect from DVIPs in the future, to help with our advocacy for funding. Tiffany also stated that the DVOM has been updating the application process for new DVIPs and renewal applications for programs. Donavan asked Lori if Jessica Benson could send out an email to the DVIP's inquiring if anyone was using the BIRAM assessment from EMERGE as David Adams had asked Donavan, and he didn't have an answer for him. Lori stated that she would have Jessica send an email to ascertain that information. Bea asked Lori if she was planning on resuming the Zoom meetings with all the DVIP's. Lori stated that she stopped the meetings because there wasn't any information to share, but once the code and rules are revised she would resume the meetings.

V. Next Meeting: July 19, 2024

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned